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weather is over?
I sent M-60 P.O.
never hope it went
all right, will send
the remainder soon
I wish - love to
you and yours to
Godwot + Affin
Wick + Miners
Sunday morn P.O. done
APR. 2. 9.

Last night and enjoyed it very
much. You say "we got home from Brattle-
-ton" who is included in the "we"
were you speaking editorially - and
are you we as one of the firm or did
you go also? please be a little more
explicit - remembering you are
writing to a genuine Yankee who
has her amount of curiosity.
Tom is dressed and waiting for church
he is reading the Independent +
I, after doing my hair up in cor-
ners am also waiting for the
church bell. It is a good thing
for me that Sunday comes as often
as one day in seven or I should

have no feet and hands left. I fear
Tom Little Stone looks as cazy as
home like as you please. It has
taken a long jump from your quilt
attic to this busy, hot, bustling house
one piano going constantly off its side
and one in the adjoining room speak-
ing of music. I am determined if
I can effect it, to bring Carrer home
the next time I go and let her have
the advantages of music & drawing -
that is if you can spare her. we now
have two music teachers in school,
both very fine, next about wall paper
I wish you would get two rolls &
put away until I can get it. I
have not enough.

School opened Monday with 952 we
shall probably have about twenty
more to morrow. it is the free school
as long as they can get money enough
to run it. then it is my school.

I have as yet only three boarders.
and feel indifferent about getting
more, provisions are so high! Billie
spoke sensibly when he said don't
tell these people how we shall live
when we get home. I have not seen
a vegetable since leaving your home
except sweet-potatoes, and the drought
has nearly cut them off. have bought
a few hard apples, Muscadelines and
scuppernon grapes when it gets
cooler I am going to get potatoes
& onions. Tom has had no more
chills. I hardly think that was
a regular chill. I gave him thirty
grains of Bromide of Quinin & he has
had no return. He is looking very
well and does not complain of any
thing. We have had two or three senile
since coming home - the week we came.
Mrs Caesars, one of our neighbors killed
herself with Morphine. the most
charitable construction to put on it

for it is that there is insanity in the
family and they say she was afraid
she would go insane sometimes killed
herself to avoid it. The other side is
that her husband is drunk all the time
home full of children to be supported, &
delicate health. She had told him if he
ever got drunk again she would do it.
The five months old baby died last
week. Sensation No. 1: Sheriff been drunk
two weeks. Court in session. wife sick
die children. Last night she was reported
dying. Took Morphine. Some say in such
great pain, others say tired of life.
They were formerly very wealthy. poor
now. She does not know how to manage
& report says she is a habitual opium
eater. I never had heard of it before.
what a pity that people will kill
themselves to get ease & peace.
Sheriff's wife this morning out of danger
pumped it out of her 12 1/2 P.M. Why did
not. I drink more of that nice
cool milk when I had an oppor-
tunity, and eat pounds of ice
enough to last until this hot